

INTRODUCTION

On 1 July 1943, a directive was issued by the heads of G-2, ONI and OSS establishing the Joint Intelligence Study Publishing Board (JISPB). This board was established for the purpose of coordinating, editing, publishing and disseminating one publication to be known as Joint Army-Navy Intelligence Studies (JANIS).

JISPB was an agency of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), under the control of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) and the Joint Topographical Subcommittee (JTS). See Appendix "A". The board was composed of five members, one each from G-2, ONI, State, A-2, and OCE. By basic directive, the director was appointed by the JTS, and the Chairman of the JTS was ex-officio chairman of JISPB. See Appendix "C".

The staff of JISPB was supplied by the member agencies and during the peak of its war-time production this staff numbered as many as forty. Since all JANIS material was prepared for the board by contributing organizations the chief cost was for printing. This cost was divided among the member agencies in proportion to the number of copies of JANIS studies disseminated to them.

In September 1945, the full-time board was discontinued and was replaced by part-time members who met occasionally at the call of the director. In April 1946 the JIC re-established JISPB as a subordinate agency under the general direction of the JTS. Also in April 1946 the Central Intelligence Group (CIG) was directed to conduct a survey of the work of the JISPB. As a result of this survey it was concluded that:

"The CIG should coordinate and supervise the publication of comprehensive surveys such as the proposed National Intelligence Surveys which could supersede the JISPB's publication of JANIS."

The Director of Central Intelligence agreed to accept on 1 October 1947 the responsibility for coordinating the basic intelligence studies on foreign countries.

The product of the JISPB was an encyclopedic type study of foreign countries known as JANIS. These were usually published in either thirteen or fifteen chapters. See Appendix "B" for chapter titles and contributors.

The CIA Archives and Records Center now has custody and responsibility for the records and record copies of JISPB. See Appendix "D" for inventory of JANIS record copies.

The records covered by this preliminary inventory are classified for reasons of security and may be used only by persons who have been cleared and have need for access to such material.

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